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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Association, held this year at Atlantic City, was remarkable only for the fact that it seemed to crystallize the general feeling of approval of those policies of the Association which have brought forth such a deluge of criticism from certain questionable quarters. The attendance was not so large as two years ago—not exceeding 4000. Probably the cold and rainy weather which prevailed had a good deal to do with keeping many members away. Work in the sections was quite up to standard (and that is saying a good deal) and in some instances was far beyond any previous effort. A symposium on Vaccines and Sera, in the Section on Therapeutics, was of remarkable importance and attracted a large attendance of the foremost men in American medicine. We shall hear more of this work in the future. Significant is the fact that in this Section, Dr. Edsall was elected Chairman and Dr. Motter Secretary; both of these gentlemen are and have been actively identified with the progressive work of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry. There was no suggestion of anything but the fullest approval and endorsement of the work of the Council; the various interests which have in previous years attacked the Council, were silent—it is to be hoped they may so remain. In the Surgical Section, the program was also a most valuable one and the tendency to put young men on the program is to be most highly commended. Dr. Charlie Mayo was elected Chairman of the Section in Surgery, which may be construed as an expression of esteem for him

in the face of the very defamatory article which was widely circulated only a short time ago; and was so written as to make it appear as though it were an advertisement of the Mayos. There was probably a lot of Proprietary Association money back of this attack, but the Section on Surgery properly estimated its worth.

When it came to the election of officers, there seemed to be even more than usual unanimity of opinion in the House of Delegates.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

There was no contest over any office save that of one of the Vice-Presidents, and in this instance the feeling was entirely friendly. Dr. William H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins, was the unanimous choice for President; he has served the Association for a number of years as a Trustee and has the confidence and respect of every member of the Association. Dr. Robert Wilson, Jr., of South Carolina, Dr. C. J. Kipp of New Jersey, Dr. Alex. Lambert, of N. Y., and Dr. Stanley Black of California, were elected, respectively, first, second, third and fourth Vice-Presidents. Dr. Frank Billings was elected Treasurer. Before the nomination for General Secretary, Dr. Smith, of Portland, Oregon, made a vicious attack in veiled language upon Dr. Simmons and the Trustees, voicing to some extent the antagonistic views of Lydston, recently promulgated at enormous expense to—whom? But Smith's was the only voice in that assemblage of 135, representing every state and section of our country, that criticized the policy of honesty and progress to which the Association is committed. After the re-election of Dr. Simmons, which brought forth vociferous applause and genuine enthusiasm, Dr. Smith retired from the room and was not seen there again. Doubtless he joined Dr. Lydston in the friendless obscurity of solitude; for be it known that Lydston was there, but scarcely a soul could be seen at any time, talking with him. Poor old Lydston! *Requiescat in pace.*

Last year three new Trustees were elected and this year three more new members were chosen; thus in a period of two years, six new members have been elected, a thing that has never occurred before in the history of the Association. But there is nothing in any way reactionary in this; rather, the new members are, if anything, more actively supporting the policies and the work of the Association. Dr. Smith, of Portland, is quoted as saying that in his opinion the House of Delegates was controlled by a "ring of about 80; and they were all present"! Now wouldn't that jar you! Imagine a "ring" of 80 out of 135 delegates! But that is merely incidental. Dr. T. J. Happell, who had been a Trustee for a dozen years or more, died a few weeks ago; to fill his unexpired term of two years, Dr. Cantrell, of Texas, was elected. The retiring Trustees were Dr. Welch, Dr. Porter and Dr. Harris. Dr. Harris, of Chicago, was re-elected,